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HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL TO APP0INT TOWN MANAGER *Art Anselene Brings “Experience, Insights” to New Role*

Herndon, VA (September 14, 2007) – The Herndon Town Council today announced its intent to name Arthur A. Anselene to the Town’s top administrative position, scheduling a vote at its September 18 work session to appoint Anselene as town manager. Anselene had been serving as acting town manager since March 2007, following the departure of Stephen F. Owen.

“Over the past six months, Art Anselene has demonstrated a clear understanding of Town issues and priorities and a solution-oriented approach to goals and objectives put forward by the Council and Town citizens,” said Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis. “His keen insights, coupled with more than 30 years of management experience as a Town department head, have made him an invaluable resource to the Council and to me. His experience and insights have also made him the obvious choice for this senior-most staff position.”

Among the projects directed by Anselene as acting town manager are development of management goals and objectives to support the Town Council’s 2027 Vision; progress on the redevelopment process for the downtown area; and staff exploration of alternatives to manage the day worker situation in Herndon.

Prior to his tenure as acting town manager, Anselene had been director of Parks and Recreation, a position he assumed in 1976. Under his leadership, the Parks and Recreation department became one of only 66 elite parks and recreation agencies in the country and the fourth in Virginia to receive national agency accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), and the department is a three-time winner of the National Gold Medal Award for Excellence by the National Recreation and Park Association and the National Sports Foundation, Inc. Anselene has overseen the development of a comprehensive parks and recreation system for the Town to include a dozen parks, the indoor tennis center at Bready Park and the flagship Herndon Community Center, first opened in 1979 and newly renovated in 2006.

Anselene holds a Bachelor of Science degree in recreation from Fairmont State College and a Master of Arts degree in recreation administration from the University of Maryland.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the “best affordable suburbs” in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

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